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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 10, cancel claims 13-20 and add new claim 21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of boarding an item comprising the steps of:
 - (a) feeding a board onto a rotatable table;
 - (b) lowering a fixture over the board;
 - ~~++(b)++~~ (c) placing an item on the board in the fixture;
 - ~~++(c)++~~ (d) stabilizing the item on the board with ~~++a++~~ the fixture;
 - ~~++(d)++~~ (e) rotating the table;
 - ~~++(e)++~~ (f) affixing the item to the board with an elastic staple while the item is stabilized on the board with the fixture;
 - ~~++(f)++~~ (g) ~~removing raising~~ the fixture from the board; and
 - ~~++(g)++~~ (h) removing the board with the stapled item affixed from the table.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein feeding a board comprises the step of automatically placing a board on the table.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein

placing the item on the board comprises the step of manually placing the item on the board.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein feeding a board comprises the step of utilizing a feeder arm.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein stabilizing the item with a fixture comprises the step of placing an open fixture against the board and loading the open fixture with the item so the item contacts the board.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein stabilizing the item comprises the step of pressing the item against the board with the fixture.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of removing the boarded item from the table utilizing a lift arm.
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein affixing the item to the board comprises the step of stapling the item to the board with a plurality of elastic staples.
10. (Currently Amended) A method of boarding an item comprising the steps of:
 - (a) feeding a board onto a rotatable table;
 - (b) placing an item on ~~the board~~ a fixture;
 - (c) lowering the fixture over the board;

- ~~[[[c]]]~~ (d) stabilizing the item with ~~a~~ on the board with the fixture;
- ~~[[[d]]]~~ (e) attaching the item to the board with an elastic staple while the item is contiguous to the fixture;
- ~~[[[e]]]~~ (f) ~~removing~~ raising the fixture from the ~~board~~ table; and
- ~~[[[f]]]~~ (g) removing the board ~~with the item attached from the table,~~ from the table with the item thereto stapled.

11.-12. (Canceled)

13.-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method of packaging each of a plurality of items on its own board for display at a retail sales outlet comprising:

- (a) pausing the rotation of a rotating table and feeding a first board onto the table with an automated feeder;
- (b) rotating the table and automatically lowering a first fixture over the first board as the table is rotated;
- (c) pausing the table and loading the first fixture with a first item as a second board is fed onto the table;
- (d) retaining the first item on the first board while rotating the table to move the first board to an

elastic stapling machine as the second fixture is lowered over the second board;

- (e) pausing the table and loading a second, like item into the second fixture;
- (f) after loading the second item, rotating the table then pausing the table to affix the first item to the first board with an elastic staple to produce a first package;
- (g) after the first item is affixed to the first board, first rotating the table then pausing the table to affix the second item to the second board to produce a second package; and
- (h) automatically removing the first package from the table and then automatically removing the second package from the table.